(iii) Administrative expenditure and the bank charges should be borne by the GOI.

(iv) Expenditure on crop cutting experiments and other incidental expenditure should be shared between GOI and the State Government in the ratio of 2 : 1 States like Rajasthan have suggested that cost of strengthening of crops cutting machinery and publicity expenses should be fully borne by the GOI or atleast on matching basis with the State Governments.

(v) Sunset arrangements for taking away the benefit of subsidised premium to small and marginal farmers need reconsideration.

(vi) It is suggested that till consultations are held CCIS may be continued.

These suggestions would be considered at the time of review of the scheme next year.

Losses due to floods in Himachal Pradesh

899. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the Total loss of life and property due to floods in Himachal Pradesh during the year 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99, district-wise;

(b) what assistance or relief have been provided by Government of India in each district of such calamity; and

(c) if answer of part (b) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c) Assistance is provided to the State as a whole and not district-wise, for undertaking relief and rehabilitation measures in the wake of all natural calamities. The details of funds allocated under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and assistance provided under National

Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) (for floods) to Himachal Pradesh during 1996-97 to 1998-1999 is indicated below:—

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Funds allocated under CRF	Assistance released under NFCR (for floods)
1996-97	26.95	10.56
1997-98	28.44	24.80
1998-99	29.89	—

Horticulture in Maharashtra

900. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating a programme to encourage horticulture and train farmers in the trade in Maharashtra State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount proposed to be allocated during year 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 to each district separately for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Ministry of Commmerce during 1998-99 had initiated a programme for Integrated Training for Horticulture Producers for the production of quality and disease free produce for export. Primarily, two varieties of mangoes i.e., Alfanso and Kesar from Ratnagiri and Aurangabad areas were selected for this programme. The programme is being continued in the current year with aim to provide training in pre-harvest, harvest and post-harvest management activities which includes selection of orchards, pesticide residue management, integrated water management,